



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1147

Senate, April 6, 2011

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. MUSTO of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENT CONSENT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-25c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) A health care institution licensed by the Department of Public
4 Health pursuant to chapter 368v may create, maintain or utilize
5 medical records or a medical records system in electronic format,
6 paper format or both, provided such records or system is designed to
7 store medical records or patient health information in a medium that is
8 reproducible and secure.

9 (b) A health care institution licensed by the Department of Public
10 Health pursuant to chapter 368v that maintains or utilizes a medical
11 records system in an electronic format shall not release patient health
12 information unless the patient or the patient's authorized
13 representative consents, in writing, to the release of such information.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	19a-25c

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(b), "health care institution" was changed to "health care institution licensed by the Department of Public Health pursuant to chapter 368v" to maintain consistency with section 1(a).

HS *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires health care institutions to meet confidentiality requirements when patient records are kept electronically, does not result in a fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENT CONSENT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires health care institutions to meet confidentiality requirements when their records are kept electronically. As with paper records, the bill prohibits electronically stored records from being released without the patient or his or her authorized representative's written consent.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 5 (03/22/2011)